SHRI SURESH KALMADI : There are down-trodden parts of Maharashtra also.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER : Addressing a State as "down-trodden" is not in good taste.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have used the term "down-trodden" for a State.

SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN : I want to assure the hon. Member that (a) there is a plan . . . (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : It is a discriminated against State.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN : (a) and (b), I agree with the honourable Member that such projects.... (*Interruptions*)....

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER : It is very unfortunate.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Dipen Ghosh says it is correct.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER : How could it be?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Dipen Ghosh says that "downtrodden" is not a word to be used to identify States like Bengal which were discriminated against during the previous regime.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER : What an illogical justification ?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Sir, they are all shouting. It was Rajiv Gandhi who had stated that Calcutta was a dying city. They have no face to rise now.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Inquiry into the conduct of Delhi Police Personnel during November, 1984 riots in Delhi

*221. SHRI N.E. BALARAM : SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Co-member of the Kapur-Mittal Committee set up to inquire into the delinquency of Delhi Police Officers and other ranks during the November, 1984 riots in Delhi, has recently demanded the institution of a full-fledged high-powered inquiry into the conduct of the police personnel in aconsonance with rule of law ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) : (a) and (b) The Report of Kapur-Mittal Committee submitted to the Lt. Governor, Delhi on the 1st March, 1990 is under examination in Delhi Administration.

Setting up of Urban Improvement Department by the Delhi Administration

@*227. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration have set up an Urban Improvement Department recently for the development of Delhi ; and

@Previously Starred Question 167, transferred from 23-3-90.

(b) if so, what are the functions of the Urban Improvement Department?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The basic responsibilities of the Department will be in the following areas :—

(i) Improvement of Slum Areas.

(ii) Resettlement colonies.

(iii) J.J. Clusters.

(iv) Unauthorised colonies.

The Department would be the focal point of all activities relating to urban imorovement and carry forward the programme of urban basic services.

Hashish smuggling in Maruti Gypsy of the Jammu and Kashmir Government

*229. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of persons apart from the two constables arrested in Delhi, Srinagar and other places, who have been found involved in the smuggling of hashish in a Maruti Gypsy of the Government of J&K impounded in January, 1990 and with what international connections; and

(b) the action taken and proposed to be taken against each one?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) : (a) Investigations conducted by the Delhi Police so far do not show the involvement of any person apart from the two constables already arrested. Investigations have not also revealed any international connection.

(b) The two constables were arrested and a criminal case registered.

Bomb Blast in Chandigrah Express

*231. SHRI ANAND SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of casualties in the March 1 bomb blast in Chandigarh Express and subsequent blasts in Ambala ; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure safety in the trains?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) : (a) According to information available, no case of bomb explosion in Chandigarh Express on 1-3-1990 has come to notice. However, blast had occurred on that date in the Chhantisgarh Express in which five persons died and 17 passengers sustained injuries.

In the Bomb blast at Ambala in the Shalimar Express, three persons were killed and 20 persons were injured.

(b) State Government concerned take necessary steps to ensure safety and security of passengers depending upon the situation in each State. These steps include anti-sabotage checks, police armed escorts in trains patrolling of platforms and railway tracks etc. Passengers are also warned through public address system and posters not to touch any suspicious unclaimed articles/substances.